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Please pay attention to event reminders as these dates may change.

Omaha Calendar

Wednesday, October 10
Ambassadors Elections and Movie
Lecture Hall (OT0)
3:00 PM-5:30 PM

Saturday, October 13
(Only for students that sign up with their counselor)
Track or Treat for Canned Goods
Vikings Centers
11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Grand Island Calendar

Friday, October 12
(All NCPA Students)
Tailgate/Football Game
Grand Island High School
6:00 PM-7:00 PM-Tailgates
7:00 PM-9:30 PM-Football Game

Saturday, October 13
(All NCPA Students)
Canined Food Drive
Details for details

Monday, October 15
(Seniors and Parents must attend)
Senior Parent Meeting
Lincoln High School
6:00 PM

NCPA Tips for Success!

It’s school time again! If you are a freshmen it may be challenging for you because of the new school, teachers, and people. Upperclassmen may face challenges in that they have to deal with difficult classes and more responsibilities. Despite these new changes and responsibilities there are things students can do to ensure their academic success:

- Set clear goals for each class.
- The level of the difficulty and interest will determine how you set your goals.
- Do you need to spend at least an hour each day on class?
- Do you need to seek additional help?

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Important Dates

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*Students only need to attend one camp

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Senior Corner

October 12
Apply to Your College
It is highly encouraged to have your application completed by the end of October.
www.admissions.unl.edu

November 15
Honors Application Deadline
Must apply to the University prior to accessing the Honors Program. We encourage students to apply by the Early Notification Deadline. 29 ACT or higher
www.admissions.unl.edu

February 1
Diversity Enhancement Scholarship
Successful applicants are high school seniors, must apply through MyRed account.
www.admissions.unl.edu/scholarships/diversity/enhancement

March 1
Susan T. Buffett Scholarship Deadline
Reference: www.buffett scholarships.org

March 1
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Parents, complete taxes as soon as possible.
www.admissions.unl.edu/scholarships/diversity/enhancement

Parent Corner

Parent Teacher Conferences
Please attend and meet with teachers about student progress.

Parent Portal
Contact Grand Island Senior High or Omaha North gain access. Parent portal allows access to grades, attendance, behavior reports, fines, etc.

Practice Effective Time Management Skills
Set a time every day that you can commit to getting your homework done and not letting anything divert you from focusing during those times. Learning to prioritize your time is also an important time management technique. For example, completing tasks in order from most important to least important will ensure that you do not miss major assignments.

These are but a few helpful tips as you adjust to a new school environment or new school challenges and responsibilities. Remember to study hard and apply yourself in all your classes but most importantly have fun and embrace all the opportunities school has to offer!

Focus on Learning and not Grades
Understanding school material is essential for future success. A lot of classes such as Algebra require that you understand concepts in order to be proficient in other Math classes such as Trigonometry and Calculus.

Focusing too much on academics is the sure way to burn out. Involve yourself in extracurricular-activities, such as clubs, sports, community service, and student government.

Be Organized
It is important that you keep track of daily assignments, tests dates, and other extracurricular activities. Being organized can help ensure that you adhere to deadlines. There is nothing more stressful than finding out the night before that a paper is due the next day.

Have Support
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